

ABC FP Honorary Membership

(Award for Non-members)

Overview & Criteria

The ABCFP Honorary Member award recognizes an individual who is not a member of the Association of BC Forest Professionals for outstanding contributions to forestry, the forestry profession or the association over a substantial period or over his or her career. It is the association's highest honour for a non-member.

Persons considering making a nomination for this award should refer to the caliber of past recipients to get an idea of the potential qualifications for this award but recognize that each nomination is unique.

This award is typically given for service to the profession or to the association, or contributions to forestry that significantly meet any one of the following:

- improves forest practices;
- advances the profession;
- contributes to good forest stewardship; or
- improves public understanding of forestry or the profession.

These contributions are typically in fields such as research and education. The scope of these contributions may be at the community, regional, provincial, national or international level.

The ABCFP Honorary Member award was created in 1972. It is authorized in Section 13 of the *Foresters Act* and in the ABCFP Bylaws.

Eligibility

The nominee must meet all of the following:

- not be a member of the ABCFP
- not have been convicted of an indictable offense, and
- have generally lived and worked to ABCFP professional standards

Deceased persons may be nominated posthumously.

Nominations

Nominations for this award will be accepted from the membership until the stated deadline. Late nominations will not be considered. Nominations are normally accepted until early November of each year. Members will be notified of the exact deadline via the association's magazine, electronic newsletter and website.

The nomination package must reflect the high calibre of the award and the person being nominated. To be considered for nomination the package must be submitted in its entirety and must include all of the following:

- Letter of nomination signed by five ABCFP members and endorsed (i.e. signed) by another five ABCFP members. The nomination letter must outline the reason(s) for the nomination. Refer to the overview and criteria section above to ensure the individual meets the standard for this award.
- A resume or biographical sketch of the nominee may be requested by the award determination sub-committee.

Nominators are accountable for the quality and accuracy of information contained in the nomination submission.

Selection Process

Nominations from the membership will be requested in the fall of each year. Recipients are selected by council and past presidents of the association. Council and past presidents may issue more than one ABCFP Honourary Membership each year if nominees meet these criteria.

Presentation

This award is usually presented at the President's Awards Banquet during the ABCFP annual forestry conference.